

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at line 19 of page 8 and ending at line 4 of page 9 with the following amended paragraph.

A latch mechanism of a door lock device 10 is first explained referring to Fig. 1. The door lock device 10 is provided at a vehicle door (~~not shown~~) (generally depicted at 100 in Fig. 1) and including a latch 11 (latch mechanism) and a pawl 12 (latch mechanism). The latch 11 includes a receiving groove 11a for receiving and capturing a striker 13 therein provided at a vehicle body (not shown). The pawl 12 includes a contacting portion 12a in contact with the latch 11, restricting a rotation of the latch 11. The latch 11 and the pawl 12 are connected to shafts 14 and 15 of the door lock device 10 respectively, being rotatable as a unit with the shafts 14 and 15 respectively.

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at line 12 of page 11 with the following amended paragraph.

The first inside open lever 22 is rotatably secured to the vehicle inner side of the case 20b via a pin 28. One end of the first inside open lever 22 is formed with a connecting notch 22a to which the inside handle (schematically depicted at 110 in Fig. 2) is connected via a rod (not shown) and the like. The other end of the first inside open lever 22 is formed with a flange extending into an arc hole 20c formed at the case 20b. The first inside open lever 22 rotates with respect to the pin 28 when the inside handle is operated.